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SUBJ: VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TABOR

REF: STATE 13701; TUNIS 420; BURROUGHS-GOYETTE TELECON JAN 29.

1. EMBASSY PLEASED WITH CONFIRMATION PER REF TELECON  
OF UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT AND BELIEVES STOP IN TUNIS WILL  
BE PRODUCTIVE AS DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH-LEVEL USG INTEREST  
IN TUNISIA AS A TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNER. TIMING  
AFTER AYARI VISIT TO US AND BEFORE TIMAN VISIT HER  
PARTICULARLY FORTUITOUS.

2. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE VERY PLEASED IF U/SEC TABOR  
WOULD BE HIS GUEST AT RESIDENCE. CHIEF ECON SECTION LOGAN  
WOULD WELCOME HOSTLER AT HIS HOUSE. RESERVATIONS  
MADE AT HILTON FOR REMAINDER OF PARTY, WHICH WE  
UNDERSTAND NOW CONSISTS OF GOYETTE, BURROUGHS, AND  
CAMPBELL.

3. POSSIBLE PROGRAM AS DISCUSSED TELECON FOLLOWS:  
FRIDAY, FEB 14, ARRIVAL ALITALIA 864 AT 1750; BRIEFING  
BY AMBASSADOR AND STAFF AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT  
1930; DINNER HOSTED BY TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT AT 2030.  
SATURDAY, FEB 15, 0900, APPOINTMENT WITH TIJANI CHELLI,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL, INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY; 1030,  
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APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER (TENTATIVE); 1130,

APPOINTMENT WITH MUSTAPHA ZAANOUNI, ACTING MINISTER OF PLAN; 1300, LUNCHEON-DISCUSSION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR; 1530, TOUR CARTHAGE; 1730, DEPART TUNIS FOR PARIS.

4. MIN PLAN AYARI TOLD EMBASSY THAT WHILE HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE TABLE DURING VISIT, HE WILL PROBABLY ALREADY BE SHUTTLING BETWEEN TUNIS AND HIS NEW POST AS PRESIDENT ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT IN KHARTOUM. HE SAID ZAANOUNI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ACTING MINISTER OF PLAN AT TIME TABOR VISIT. UNFORTUNATELY, MIN ECONOMY LASRAM WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING GROUP 77 OF UNCTAD AT ALGIERS IN MID FEBRUARY AND NO OTHER OFFICIAL IN HIS MINISTRY APPROPRIATE FOR CALL BY TABOR. GOT AWARE OF PROPOSED TABOR VISIT AND IS MAKING PLANS FOR DINNER FEB 14.

5. AS STATED IN TELECON, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT DURING AMBASSADOR'S LUNCH, U/SEC TABOR MAKES BRIEF STATEMENT TO BE FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL DISCUSSION. (EMBASSY OFFICER WILL INTERPRET FOR TABOR) WHILE WE HAVE SUGGESTED THEME OF HOW US TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES CAN HELP IMPLEMENT MAJOR PROJECTS IN TUNISIA, OTHER TOPICS ALSO POSSIBLE DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE TUNISIAN OFFICIALS.

6. TWO HIGH GIFTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT UNDER SECRETARY RECEIVES GIFTS. (TUNIS 568)

7. WHILE NO FORMAL PRESS STATEMENTS REQUIRED, U/SEC TABOR WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND POSSIBLY AFTER CALLS ON MINISTERS SHOULD THEY DEVELOP. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL LANGUAGE WHICH CAN BE USED AS APPROPRIATE AND CAN MAKE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ON TABOR ARRIVAL.

8. WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOLLOWING FURTHER COORDINATION WITH TUNISIAN OFFICIALS.

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